Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, which will into these aspects of the matter. the administrative machinery, by and large, controlled the situation in a short period despite the fact that a large number of places were involved.

Temples destroyed in Kashmir

287. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn into the allegations that about 40 Hindu temples have been destroyed in Kashmir: and

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made by the Government as to the reality of this allegation; if so, the details and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The period to which the question pertains, has not been indicated. It is, therefore not possible to furnish specific information.

Formation of Uttrakhand State

288. SHRI SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum regarding the formation of Uttrakhand State out of the districts of the present day Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have reached any decision regarding the demand for Uttrakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision has been arrived at so far.

Rehabilitation of Ex-ULFA Members

289. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government for the economic rehabilitation of the Ex-ULFA Members;

(b) if so, the specific rehabilitation measures taken in that direction so far;

(c) what other steps are proposed to be taken for the solution of Assam problem; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Assam Government has formulated a scheme known as 100 per cent Special Margin Money Scheme for rehabilitation of ULFA surrenderees. Under the scheme surrendered ULFA members can take up a scheme in agriculture, industries, veterinaries, fishery sectors, etc. for self employment upto a value of Rs. 2 lakhs. Government would provide margin money in the form of grant upto 25 per cent of the scheme value with a ceiling of rupees fifty thousand. Rest of the money would be provided by banks in the form of loan upto rupees one lakh fifty thousand. State Government have organised industrial campaigns in the districts to screen the ULFA surrenderees and prepare individual project profiles. Entrepreneurs are also being given training in respective trades under entrepreneurship development programme. So far three thousand three hundred and forty four ULFA surrenderees have participated in industrial campaign. Of which two thousand one hundred fifty have undergone EDF training.